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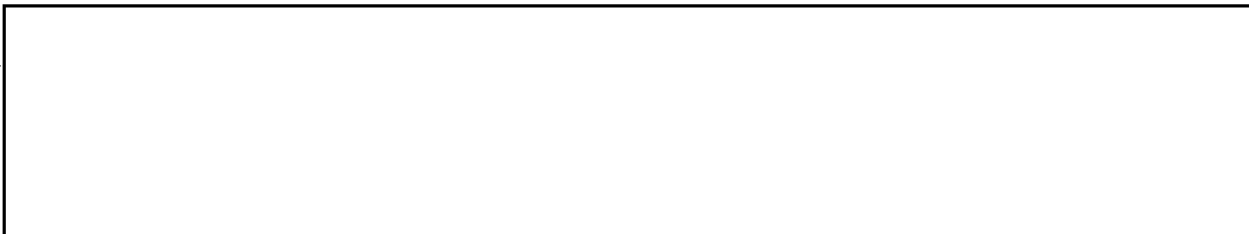
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Ulbricht at the Olympics?

The "Foreign Report" published by the Economist claims that Ulbricht has indicated he will be in Munich for the Olympics. (The report does not discuss for which event.) It seems highly unlikely that he would make such a trip. His health is questionable and appears to have deteriorated in the last year. More importantly, however, media coverage of Ulbricht in the last year has been consistantly brief and perfunctory. Such a trip would call for a large domestic campaign, which would associate him with what is considered to be a fairly strong team. There would also undoubtedly be anti-Ulbricht demonstrations in Munich which would be a further cause for GDR praise and defense of Ulbricht.

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Emigre Attack Leaves Its Mark

Repercussions from the emigre guerrilla attack in Bosnia-Hercegovina last month, are still being felt throughout Yugoslavia

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Heightened sensitivity to emigre machinations is apparently responsible for the arrest of a vacationing American citizen of Yugoslav origin in the town of Sremska Mitrovica. He is accused of having connections with the Serb emigre organization, Sveti Sava, in Chicago. The defense attorney has indicated to the Embassy his personal belief that had the Ustashi terrorist attack not occurred last month, the defendent would never have been arrested. He nevertheless predicted that his client, after a prolonged investigation and trial, would acquitted.

Meanwhile, on the guerrilla attack, the president of the Bosnia and Hercegovina Assembly, Hamdiza Pozderac, has strongly praised the destruction of the terrorists by his republic's local security forces. Pozderac's comments

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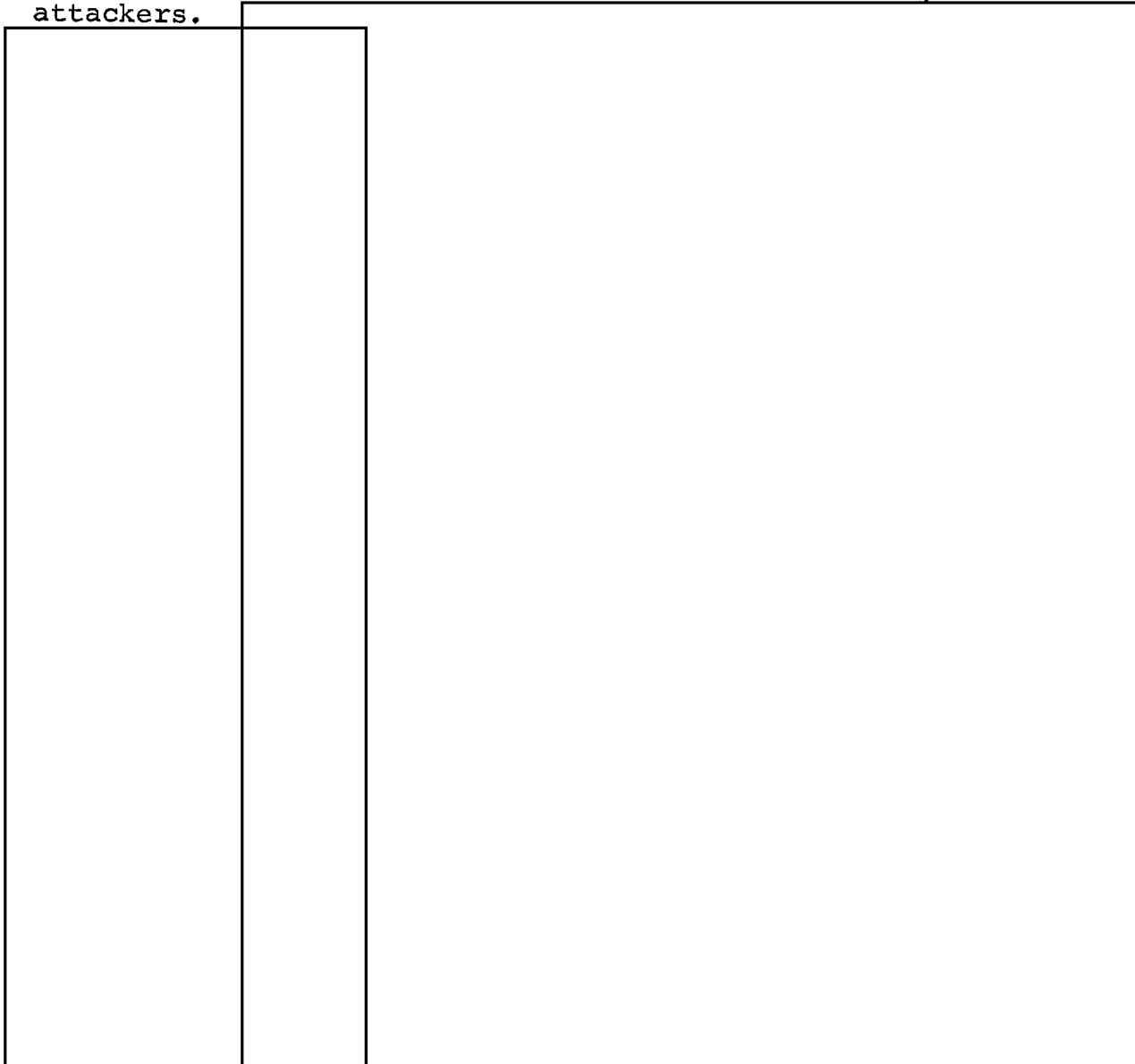
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came in a 6 August speech marking the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Bosnian Proletarian Brigade. He warned however, that more attacks may be in store, claiming that the Ustashi and Chetnik emigres (Croat and Serb) have joined forces to undermine Yugoslavia. Pozderac implied that these groups have foreign backing, but stopped short of naming names. He then concluded his remarks by describing the fate of the terrorists (all but one or two of the 19 infiltrators were killed) as the best message to those who contemplate similar action.

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The Yugoslav government has announced plans to give aid to the families of thirteen men killed resisting the attackers.

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